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## IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

## 1. (Cancelled)

## 2. (Previously Presented) A personal watercraft, comprising:

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- a hull:
- a deck disposed on the hull;
- an engine compartment defined between the hull and the deck;
- a four stroke internal combustion engine disposed in the engine compartment, the engine comprising:
- a crankcase having a top, a bottom, two sides, two ends and a crankshaft rotatably mounted therein between the two ends;
  - a cylinder head connected to the top of the crankcase,
  - the crankcase and the cylinder head forming at least one combustion cylinder chamber therebetween;
  - at least one intake valve for the at least one combustion cylinder chamber;
  - at least one exhaust valve for the at least one combustion chamber;
- a valve actuation assembly located in the cylinder head for actuating the at least one intake valve and the at least one exhaust valve;
- at least one air intake passageway connected to the at least one combustion cylinder;
- a propulsion unit operatively coupled to an end of the crankshaft;
- at least one air intake manifold operatively connected to the at least one air intake passageway;
- an air/water separating device in fluid communication with the air intake manifold for separating water out from the induction air; and
- a supercharger for boosting air to the air intake manifold arranged in fluid communication between the air/water separating device and the intake manifold.
- (Currently Amended) The personal watercraft of claim [[1]] 2, further comprising: a bow; and

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a transom; and

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wherein the supercharger is disposed rearwardly of the water separating device towards the transom of the personal watercraft.

- 4. (Currently Amended) The personal watercraft of claim [[2]] 3, wherein the supercharger is a mechanically driven supercharger.
- 5. (Currently Amended) The personal watercraft of claim [[1]] 2, further comprising a straddle-type seat on the deck, and wherein the engine is disposed below the seat.
- 6. (Currently Amended) The personal watercraft of claim [[1]] 2, wherein the water separating device has a body defining a volume, an inlet and an outlet.
- 7. (Currently Amended) The personal watercraft of claim [[4]] 6, wherein the body of the water separating device is separated in at least two chambers.
- 8. (Currently Amended) The personal watercraft of claim [[1]] 2, wherein the crankshaft is horizontally disposed.
- 9. (Currently Amended) The personal watercraft of claim [[1]] 2, wherein the propulsion unit is a jet propulsion unit disposed rearwardly of the engine.
- 10. (Currently Amended) The personal watercraft of claim [[1]] 2, further comprising an air box in fluid communication with the air intake manifold, and wherein the air/water separating device is disposed within the air box.
- 11. (Currently Amended) The personal watercraft of claim [[1]] 2, wherein the supercharger is a mechanically driven supercharger.
- 12. (Currently Amended) The personal watercraft of claim [[1]] 2, further comprising handlebars mounted on the deckdesk for steering the personal watercraft.